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	Examiner RICARDO L. OSORIO	Art Unit 2629	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feldman (6,501,230) in view of Uehara (6,329,980).

Regarding claim 1, Feldman teaches of An organic electroluminescent display device in which display pixels containing organic electroluminescent elements are arranged in a matrix(see Fig. 8), comprising a correction value formula storage section for storing a correction value formula or coefficients thereof that prescribes a relationship of pixel positions for display and brightness correction data of those pixels (see Fig. 3, characters 122, and col. 5, lines 6-9); a correction value output section for receiving the input of data for the positions of respective pixels (col. 5, lines 8-10 and 23-33), and outputs correction values for the respective pixels using the correction value formula (col. 5, lines 10-12, and lines 42-45); and the correction value output section corrects brightness data for each pixel using the correction value from said correction value output section according to the pixel position, to thereby perform display to the respective display pixels (col. 2, lines 5-10 and col. 5, lines 6-14).

However, Feldman does not specifically disclose that in response to the pixel position providing correction values for display and brightness correction data of those pixels.

Uehara discloses that in response to the pixel position providing correction values for display and brightness correction data of those pixels (col. 5, lines 48-53).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the correction value of Uehara, in the device of Feldman to enhance the contrast ratio and the brightness obtaining an excellent display quality.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claim 7 is allowable since certain key features of the claimed invention are not taught or fairly suggested by the prior art. In claim 7, "a correction value formula generator for estimating a trend in non-uniformity of brightness of the respective pixels in the overall display area based on the detected driving current for each of the small areas and determining said correction value formula or coefficients thereof based on the estimated trend in non-uniformity of brightness". The closest prior art Feldman (6,501,230) discloses an organic EL display using brightness correction values saved in a memory, however singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

2. Claims 2 and 8 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 2 and 8 are allowable since certain key features of the claimed invention are not taught or fairly suggested by the prior art. In claim 2, "a correction value output section for receiving the input of data for the positions of respective pixels and outputting correction values for the respective pixels based on a relation of the line positions for the respective pixels stored in said correction value storage section and the correction value". The closest prior art Feldman (6,501,230) discloses an organic EL display using brightness correction values saved in a memory, however singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricardo L. Osorio whose telephone number is 571-272-7676. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala whose telephone number is 571-272-7681.

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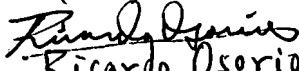
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